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Columbus Day - a History

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS discovered America in 1492. At least that is what all elementary school children were always taught: "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." Of course, Columbus never did "discover" North America, and the regions he did explore were already inhabited. He only discovered them from the viewpoint of the Europeans.

Yet his first voyage did prove one thing for sure, that the earth was not only round, but that it was bigger than he had thought, Eratosthenes notwithstanding. One of the first known celebrations marking the discovery of the "New World" by Christopher Columbus was in 1792, when a ceremony organized by the Colombian Order was held in New York City honoring Christopher Columbus and the 300th anniversary of his landing in the Bahamas. Then, on October 12, 1866 the Italian population of New York organized the first celebration of the discovery of America. Three years later, in 1869 Italians in San Francisco celebrated October 12 calling it C-Day. To mark the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage, in 1892, President Benjamin Harrison made a commemorative proclamation. But it was Colorado, in 1905, that became the first state to observe a Columbus Day. Since 1920 the day has been celebrated annually, and in 1937 President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed every October 12 as Columbus Day. That's where it remained until 1971 when Congress declared it a federal public holiday on the second Monday in October.

Christopher Columbus (1451 - 1505)

Columbus, the son of a wool merchant and weaver, was born in Genoa, Italy and went to sea at the age of 14. Following a shipwreck off the coast of Portugal in 1470, he swam ashore and settled in that country. Between 1477 and 1482 Columbus made merchant voyages as far away as Iceland and Guinea. But in 1484, his "Enterprise of the Indies" idea fell on deaf ears when he presented it to King John of Portugal. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Spain, where King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella became more interested in his adventuresome ideas.

To the New World

On August 2, 1492, Columbus set sail in search of the East Indies. The voyage was financed by Ferdinand and Isabella by making the city of Palos pay back a debt to the

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Early European Contact and the Slave Trade

When the first Europeans arrived in the late fifteenth century, many inhabitants of the Gold Coast area were striving to consolidate their newly acquired territories and to settle into a secure and permanent environment. Several immigrant groups had yet to establish firm ascendancy over earlier occupants of their territories, and considerable displacement and secondary migrations were in progress. Ivor Wilks, a leading historian of Ghana, observed that Akan purchases of slaves from Portuguese traders operating from the Congo region augmented the labor needed for the state formation that was characteristic of this period. Unlike the Akan groups of the interior, the major coastal groups, such as the Fante, Ewe, and Ga, were for the most part settled in their homelands.

The Portuguese were the first to arrive. By 1471, under the patronage of Prince Henry the Navigator, they had reached the area that was to become known as the Gold Coast because Europeans knew the area as the source of gold that reached Muslim North Africa by way of trade routes across the Sahara. The initial Portuguese interest in trading for gold, ivory, and pepper so increased that in 1482 the Portuguese built their first permanent trading post on the western coast of present-day Ghana. This fortress, Elmina Castle, constructed to protect Portuguese trade from European competitors and hostile Africans, still stands.

With the opening of European plantations in the New World during the 1500s, which suddenly expanded the demand for slaves in the Americas, trade in slaves soon overshadowed gold as the principal export of the area. Indeed, the west coast of Africa became the principal source of slaves for the New World. The seemingly insatiable market and the substantial profits to be gained from the slave trade attracted adventurers from all over Europe. Much of the conflict that arose among European groups on the coast and among competing African kingdoms was the result of rivalry for control of this trade.

The Portuguese position on the Gold Coast remained secure for almost a century. During that time, Lisbon leased the right to establish trading posts to individuals or companies that sought to align themselves with the local chiefs and to exchange trade goods both for rights to conduct commerce and for slaves whom the chiefs could provide. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, adventurers--first Dutch, and later English, Danish, and Swedish-- were granted licenses by their governments to trade overseas. On the Gold Coast, these European competitors built fortified trading stations and challenged the Portuguese. Sometimes they were also drawn into conflicts with local inhabitants as Europeans developed commercial alliances with local chiefs.

The principal early struggle was between the Dutch and the Portuguese. With the loss of Elmina in 1642 to the Dutch, the Portuguese left the Gold Coast permanently. The next 150 years saw kaleidoscopic change and uncertainty, marked by local conflicts and diplomatic maneuvers, during which various European powers struggled to establish or to maintain a position of dominance in the profitable trade of the Gold Coast littoral. Forts were built, abandoned, attacked, captured, sold, and exchanged, and many sites were selected at one time or another for fortified positions by contending European nations.

Both the Dutch and the British formed companies to advance their African ventures and to protect their coastal establishments. The Dutch West India Company operated throughout most of the eighteenth century. The British African Company of Merchants, founded in 1750, was the successor to several earlier organizations of this type. These enterprises built and manned new installations as the companies pursued their trading activities and defended their respective jurisdictions with varying degrees of government backing. There were short-lived ventures by the Swedes and the Prussians. The Danes remained until 1850, when they withdrew from the Gold Coast. The British gained possession of all Dutch coastal forts by the last quarter of the nineteenth century, thus making them the dominant European power on the Gold Coast. *To be continued next week.*

Source: [GhanaHomePage](#)



By Linda Bell

The World is Our Oyster, and Pearls Grow Accordingly



Pearl: A smooth, lustrous, variously colored deposit, chiefly calcium carbonate, formed around a grain of sand or other foreign matter in the shells of certain mollusks and valued as a gem. How many times, as parents, do we tell ourselves - and others remind us - that children are not extensions of ourselves, that they have to evolve into their own personalities, their own generation, and their own culture. It's the hard bargain we make when we become parents; we bring children into the world but then have to accept losing them as they begin to make their own way in the world we have given them. For expatriate and Foreign Service kids and parents this is key. When we expose children to a multitude of other cultures including the passport country - or countries - of their parents, these children take in the experiences they are offered and make them their own.

Those experiences become part of the adult that emerges from that child. In speaking with parents who raise children abroad, I find they are universally relieved to pinpoint a definition, an intellectual place, which helps them put their family's unique experiences into perspective. Dr. Ruth Useem of Michigan State University coined the term "third culture kids" (often referred to as TCKs) in her research papers of the 1960s as a way to define children being raised outside their home country. She said these children live in one culture, are from another culture, and whatever their passport says, among themselves they form a third culture, often based on a parent's profession overseas. A lot of Useem's work was done on military bases as well as in non-military expatriate communities.

"Yes, that's it!" a parent will exclaim on first hearing this definition. But then that same parent might sometimes feel guilty, or rejected, or confused when his or her own children begin to define themselves outside their passport culture and values by remaining aloof from, complaining about, marrying out of, or physically staying out of their own culture. Expatriate, military and Foreign Service parents need to get used to this idea when they start their journeys with children. They can't have it both ways. They can't expect their children to be "American" (or whatever their home culture is) if indeed they are to be defined within another culture - the "third culture" - a culture that isn't American any more than it is any other national culture. And while many parents might have their own difficulties going through what they think of as "re-entry" when they return "home," for many of their children it is an "entry" into yet just another foreign culture, but one where they often can't easily re-create or find their "third culture" identification. The gifts of cultural tolerance and understanding we give our children should cause us pride instead of guilt. Without really thinking about it we are preparing them for a larger world in which to work and contribute their skills. And they will be the first to tell us later that they feel like "citizens of the world." To many, that might seem a priceless gem. © 1999 by Linda Bell. All rights reserved.

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crown by providing two of the ships, and by getting Italian financial backing for part of the expenses. The crown had to put up very little money from the treasury.

Columbus and 90 crewmen boarded the three ships that were to make the first voyage to the New World, the *Niña*, *Pinta*, and the flagship, *Santa Maria*. On October 12, 1492, Columbus first saw the islands of the new world, landing in the Bahamas. Later in the month, he would sail to Cuba, and to Hispaniola (now Haiti). He thought he had reached the East Indies, the islands off Southeast Asia.

Contrary to popular belief, most educated individuals in the 15th century, and especially sailors, already knew that the earth was round. What was not realized by Columbus, however, was just how big a globe it was. Columbus seriously underestimated the size of the planet.

Seaworthy Cuisine

The menu for Spanish seamen consisted of water, vinegar, wine, olive oil, molasses, cheese, honey, raisins, rice, garlic, almonds, sea biscuits, dry legumes such as chickpeas, lentils, beans, salted and barreled sardines, anchovies, dry salt cod and pickled or salted meats (beef and pork), salted flour.

Food, mostly boiled, was served in a large communal wooden bowl. It consisted of poorly cooked meat with bones in it, the sailors attacking it with fervor, picking it with their fingers as they had no forks or spoons. The larger pieces of meat were cut with the knife each sailor carried. Fish was eaten most often. On calm days, the crew would fish and then cook their catch.

Return to Spain and Additional Voyages

On Christmas Day, 1492, the *Santa Maria* sank off Hispaniola. Columbus departed for Spain on January 16, 1493 on the *Niña*, arriving there on March 4.

Columbus made three additional voyages to the New World. The second voyage set sail in September, 1493, with 17 ships. During his expeditions, he helped to colonize Hispaniola, and discovered the South American mainland. He did not, however, see mainland North America during any of his voyages.

He returned to Spain for the last time on November 7, 1504. He died at Valladolid, Spain on May 20, 1506, at the age of 55.

Controversy

Much controversy exists over Columbus' expeditions and whether or not one can "discover" an already-inhabited land. The natives of the Bahamas and other islands on his journey were peaceful and friendly. Yet many of them were later enslaved by the Spanish. Also, it is known that the Vikings explored the North American coast 500 years before Columbus.

Nevertheless, Columbus' expedition was unique and important in that it resulted in the first intertwining of Europe with the Americas, resulting in the first permanent European colonies in the New World.

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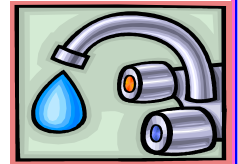


Staying Healthy in Accra



HERE COMES THE DRY SEASON!!!

OK, so we've had rain the last few nights, nevertheless, the dry season is just about here. During the dry season, many people in Accra experience a serious shortage of water. We don't have that problem, thank goodness, but water here is much more expensive than water in the USA. **There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start...and end...with you. Water. Use it Wisely!**



- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load
- Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to **700 gallons per month**. By the way, showers take less water than baths. If you are really conservation minded – shower with a friend!
- Put a plastic bottle or a plastic bag weighted with pebbles and filled with water in your toilet tank. Displacing water in this manner allows you to use less water with each flush. **Saves 5 to 10 gallons a day**. That's up to **300 gallons a month**
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save **18 liters a minute**. That's **900 liters each week for a family of four!**
- Bathe your young children together
- Bathe your pets outdoors in an area in need of water
- If you wash dishes by hand--and that's the best way--don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have two sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you only have one sink, use a spray device or short blasts instead of letting the water run. Saves 200 to 500 gallons a month
- Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables. Rinse them in a filled sink or pan. This way you can add a few drops of iodine to the water, providing better cleaning. Saves **150 to 250 gallons a month!**
- Finally, for garden watering, consider using "Grey Water" - that's the water that you've washed fruit or dishes in after the soap fades. Gardens are nice but water is precious too!

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Pet Care In Accra

Yearly Checkups good for Dogs too!



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It's true. Dogs age at approximately seven times the rate humans do. So it's not surprising that Fido should have a physical examination at least every seven "dog years"--that's every year in human terms. And as your pet gets middle-aged--that's over six in people years or over 40 in dog years--physicals are recommended twice a year. "Not only do dogs get older faster than people do, but their diseases progress more quickly, too," says Dr. Kent Davis, community practice veterinarian formerly at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital in Urbana.

A once-a-year physical gives your veterinarian a chance to sit down and chat with your pet about what's changing in his life. More importantly, yearly physicals let your pet's doctor establish what is normal in Sparky, so he or she will know when something is abnormal. A yearly physical is good preventive medicine. "Finding and treating diseases in the early stages gives your pet a much better prognosis than discovering a disease already in full swing," says Dr. Davis. Your veterinarian may notice changes in your pet that you haven't noticed. During the physical examination, your veterinarian will look for systemic abnormalities. "When I give a physical exam," says Dr. Davis, "I move from the front to the back, starting with the eyes, ears, nose, and throat and moving to the lungs, heart, and gastrointestinal tract. I always check for new lumps or bumps as I move along."

Heartworm tests should also be done at the time of the annual physical. Heartworm is a serious disease, common everywhere mosquitoes live. The physical exam is a good time to keep up to date on vaccines. Dr. Davis also suggests checking whether your pet has worms or other parasites once a year. A simple fecal test can determine whether your de-worming protocol is working. Between annual examinations, be on the lookout for signs that Sparky is having trouble: not

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AROUND TOWN

North American Women's Association promotes friendship among North American women, and between North American & Ghanaian women. Also fundraising for Ghanaian charities, especially those focused on women & children. Meetings start at **6:30 pm** with food and fellowship and the business meeting will follow, at the Coconut Regency Hotel behind Immigration. Their book *No More Worries* can also be found at www.noworriesghana.com For more info go to www.nawaghana.com or call Carol Pietryk tel. 0242-108273 or email at jcpietryk@yahoo.ca.

Ghana International Women's Club Formed in 1980 with the intention of establishing a strong bond of friendship among 'women of the world', and fostering a better understanding of one another's cultures. Members organize fundraising events and volunteer work. Monthly meetings every 2nd Wed at **Kohinoor Restaurant in Osu** at 9:30 am.

Ghana Bead Society Develop knowledge, appreciation, and interest in beads in Ghana, both from a traditional and contemporary point of view. Monthly meetings at the DuBois Center, East Cantonments; 4:30 pm, first Thursday of each month. Contact Trish Graham at 764-349 or e-mail: trish_graham@hotmail.com.

Alliance Française Provides French classes for children and adults, and hosts numerous cultural events. Located on Liberation Link Road, Airport Residential. Tel: 773-134.

American Chamber of Commerce promotes commercial, economic, educational and cultural ties between the U.S. and Ghana. Their regular luncheon meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at La Palm from 12-2:30. Tel: 247-562, 024-251-605. E-mail: amchamgh@ghana.com; Website: www.amcham_africa.org. Located at Hse #C609/3 5th Crescent St, Asylum Down.

Scottish Country Dancing The Caledonian Society of Ghana: Scottish Country dancing is back. All are welcome to join in at the Grasscutters club, every Tuesday night from 7.30pm. For more information call 0244 069 169 or e mail caledonianghana@yahoo.co.uk

Accragio, a singing group open to expatriates and Ghanaians, is preparing its fall program and welcoming new singers. For more information, call Nate at 774-558. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Labone.

Energize yourself and reduce stress with **Hatha Yoga** at YMCA Mon-Wed-Friday, 5:30 pm

- 7 pm. Contact Peace on 024-422-6079 or 775-348 ext. 4277.

The International Players The International Players is a local amateur dramatic group that performs publicly. Anyone interested in amateur theater is invited to participate. For information contact: Trish Graham at 764-349 or e-mail: trish_graham@hotmail.com.

Bunko is up and running here in Accra! Fast paced, easy to learn, no skill required, (**ladies only!**) dice game. We meet monthly at rotating houses. For more info or to sign up, email Kylie at edhrncir@hotmail.com.

Theater Mirrors. A local Ghanaian acting troupe, begun in 1986, whose members perform every Friday night at **Bywel Bar**, located across the street from Sotrec Grocery in Osu. Admission is free. 8 PM. The acting group is also available for private performances. Call 024-678956 for details.

Ghana National Theatre Monthly Symphony Program "Sunday at Five" held the last Sunday of every month **is now at Christ the King Parish Hall due to renovations.** Still at 5 pm, still a bargain at 20,000 cedis, 665-735 or 663-467.

Friends of Bill W. Meet Monday evenings 7-8 pm near the Cathedral in Adabraka. Contact Ludwin 020-2018540 or Lydia 024-611385.

Happy Hour Fridays at 5:30 pm an informal group meets for unwinding at the Labone Coffee Shop. All are welcome.

Hash House Harriers (Accra) The Hash House Harriers has been described as a '*drinking group with a running problem.*' However, non-drinkers and walkers are welcome. The Hash runs every Monday, with a 5:15 pm sharp departure. Location varies. Contact acrahhh@yahoo.com for details.

Hash House Harriers (Tema) is composed of Ghanaians and expats in and around the Tema area and welcome families with children. Every Thursday at 5:15 April thru October and 5:00 pm November thru March. Contact Frank Davis, at frank.davis@valcotema.com or call 020-201-1525 for information on directions to starting point.

Duplicate Bridge group meets every Tuesday night at 7:30. Any questions please contact Gerry Gray Thibodeau for information or to arrange a partner, 021-775-414. (evenings)

Pick-up Basketball Tuesday evenings (6-8 pm) at GIS. Everyone is invited to join the fun. For additional information, please contact Ted Lawrence (tlawrence@usaid.gov) or Rob Clausen (rclausen@usaid.gov). They can also be reached by telephone at 228-440.

Pippa's Health and Fitness Center in Osu runs **Tumble Tots** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30-11:45 am for 40,000 cedis a day. Toddlers can run around, play, and climb on the gym's tumble equipment and meet other toddlers in the area. Parents or nannies are welcome. Call 22 44 88 for more info.

Mom/Dad & Tots (3 and under) at British High Commission Grasscutters Return. Wednesdays 9:30-11:15 am.

Taekwondo at Pippa's Health and Fitness Center. Adults and kids are welcome. Learn from National Champion Master Stephen Yeboah. Call for registration: 22 44 88.

Frisky's International Film Buff Club views films Tuesdays 7pm. Call Ian at 0244 363017 or Katya at 024 329679 for directions or to receive a map by email.

Free Meditation!! Each Wed at 6-7pm and Thurs at 11am-12pm. At the GMCKS Pranic Healing Center, 1st floor, Pyramid House, Ring Road central (Next to Alitalia). Website: www.pranichealing.org Phone: 0243 385767. Services offered: Healing, Courses and Meditations

International Spouses Association of Ghana (ISAG) Are you a non-Ghanaian married to a Ghanaian? If yes, then come and meet others in a similar relationship. First Wednesday of every month at 5.30pm at Ghana International School film room. It's fellowship with some serious bits! For more information, contact Judd on 024-476-7063 or Nina on 024-477-8229 or email isag@ighmail.com

The Accra Tema Yacht Club (ATYC) is in Ada on the Volta River, 1½ hours from Accra, close to Manet Paradis Hotel. Races of catamarans and sail boats are held monthly. ATYC has 3 Lasers available for daily or hourly rental, a small bar and four chalets where members may stay overnight. **New members are welcome** as are day visitors for which a nominal daily charge is payable. Contact dmcallagy@gmail.com -or- Duncan.macnicol@asc-gh.com

African American Association of Ghana (AAAG). General meetings held every third Saturday of the month. 2-4pm at the W.E.B. Dubois Center in Cantonments. For more info call 021-785438 or sankofaaaag@yahoo.com

Fit & Fun Gymnastics Club for children from 2 years and teenagers. Learn the basics of movement improve flexibility, balance and body awareness. Gymnastics helps them learn self discipline, patience and have more self confidence. Call 024 3515889 for info.

Community News and Events

Aluminum Man Triathlon" - Sunday morning, October 22nd, we plan to hold a triathlon-like sporting event involving a 5k run, 1/2k swim, and 15k bike ride (all distances very approximate) in the Akosombo area. We will stay over Saturday night at one of the area hotels and return on Sunday in one or more pieces. If anyone is interested in making Ghanaian sporting history, email Luis Mendez or Simon Hankinson soon so we can book rooms.

Golf at Achimota. Regular rounds on Tuesday mornings (half round at 5:30am) and Friday afternoons (2:30pm). Other times available. Play in groups by skill level, on a course that's remarkably uncrowded, superb for beginners, challenging for experts. Great conversation. Good exercise (walk 8 km over 18 holes in 3 hours). Very reasonable prices, including rental clubs and lessons. Club memberships available. Contact Jeff at Cochrane@igc.org.

THE NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETS:

Thursday , October 12 6:45pm Coconut Regency Hotel 6:45 pm Meet, Greet and Eat 7:00 pm Business Meeting 7:20 pm Committee Groups 7:45 pm Guest Speaker: Serwah Quaynor: Autism Awareness Care and Training Centre 8:10 pm Announcements of programs and activities held during the month of October 8:15 pm Walk, Talk and Shop - meet 2 artisans from Accra -a kente weaver and a furniture maker. Plan to attend. You are welcome!

FOR SALE:DST dual vieww system, EUR 300.00 available 1st week of October, Subscription paid till end of November.Call: Jef Haenen, 02443290 Jef Haenen 00233-21-785487/00233-244-329037 (2)

¡GREAT FINDS!

Restaurants:

- The great restaurant is called Hin Lone. It is in Labone right next to the Osu Children's Home. I am not sure of the street name but you enter Labone off of Ring Road and it is your first street to the left and it is right down the street. The restaurant is clean and airy. The staff are friendly and knowledgeable ask for Randy he has been there ten years. They welcome children which is always a plus. Opening times are 12 to 3:30 and 6:30 to 10:30. The food is Cantonese and is very inexpensive. I think the most expensive thing on the menu is 60,000 cedis. We love the Crispy Noodles with Beef which comes sizzling on a hot plate. Thanks Eunice!
- Tribes is a restaurant, hotel, store and a museum. It's a nice atmosphere, good food and reasonably priced. You can have a great meal, go shopping, take in the museum or just rest in any of their lovely rooms. Fabulous!

Others:

- Quintessential Salon:** Near Pippas Gym, Proprietress, Alice VanderStaaJ and Antoinette both wonderful for cuts and color. Tel 021 764508 Thanks Barbara!
- Every Wednesday @ 8 p.m. Alliance Francaise hosts their cultural show. It is a wonderful venue and a great opportunity to meet local people, hook up with the ex-pat community and get your dance on ~ I highly recommend it as one of my favorite things to do in Accra. This venue offers patio and outdoor seating and a restaurant and bar. Thanks Barbara!

Community News and Events

Seeking two roommates for October to March or longer. New two-story townhouse with three-bedrooms, three baths, interior open-air atrium, small garden and balcony. Refrigerator, cooker and washing machine included. \$875 each. Cantonment area. Call Monique at 0244311944 or 735-465.

Babysitter: USAID intern, free wknights after 5:30pm (Friday 1pm) and wkends. Experience w/children of all ages, esp. toddlers and infants. Ref. Avail. Megan at 024.641.2249 or meganma@gwu.edu

ART EXHIBITION

Victor Massok and Isaac Awuley Addico

Date: 21st September - 14th October 2006

Time: 8:00am to 5:00pm daily

Venue: Dubois Centre (Seminar Hall)

10 % of proceeds will be donated to the Foundation for Contemporary Art Ghana

For further information: Tel. 0277. 07.74.86 or i.awuley@fcaghana.org

Art collectors, lovers of artworks and the general public are invited.

Admission is free !!!



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Black History Month banner

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*"We first met on a golden night
As the moon radiated love light
On the dock of the bay.
Somewhere between the real deal and
an illusion
We lay unapologetically
Stroking each others lack of responsibility."* - **Ride**, [Benjamin Zephaniah](#)

UK [Black History Month](#) is here and the buck starts with us! The 2nd October launch event may not wax lyrical like Benjamin Zephaniah, famous black British poet, but a special appearance by Ghana's 'rain god', Batman Samini [MOBO](#) award winner for 'Best African Act' will. This year's BHM includes steel pan music performances, Nii Obodai's evocative black and white photos of cultural events, screenings of the popular comedy 'Desmonds' and an open mic and 'lovers rock' part @ the Office cocktail, wine bar and grill. [Contact us for details.](#)

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WANTED

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SEEKING urgently an apartment or room for a young couple working at French Embassy. Available for from mid-September until the end of February. If interested, or know anyone who might be, contact James @21 45 50 or email: james.dickson@diplomatie.gouv.fr james.dickson@diplomatie.gouv.fr (3)

Wanted: DOMESTIC / COOK. We are looking for a professional house maid who Knows also how to cook. tel.: 0242 266 713 (3)

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Babysitter: USAID Intern, free weeknights after 5:30pm (Friday 1pm) and weekends for babysitting. Experience with children of all ages, especially toddlers and infants. Refs. Avail. Contact Megan Mager at 024.641.2249 meganma@gwu.edu. (3)

Judy has worked as a housekeeper with expats for years and has cooking experience (Lebanonese) as well. She has her own accommodation and can be reached on 0243725610. Leanne (2)

Doris has many years working as a housekeeper. She has had a security check and works embassy functions. Her employer left suddenly and Doris is looking for a housekeeping job now. Her number is 0243804672. If you require references, contact leanne_macdougall@yahoo.com. (2)

Housekeeper - Avible now. Florence has worked for American Embassy employees and families for 10 years and has strong references. Excellent cook and housekeeper, able to work independently, and very security conscious. Call Florence at 0242853595.(2)

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